

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A radio communication method of a base station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controller, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the base station being one of said plurality of base stations, the radio communication method comprising steps of:

step of transmitting code information by message from the base station controlling apparatus to one of the plurality of mobile stations, said said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code;

step of transmitting timing information by message to the one of the plurality of mobile stations, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code;

step of switching from the first code to the second code at the base station in synchronization with switching from the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations[[],]; and

step of receiving a completion message from the one of the plurality of mobile stations indicating to indicate completion of the step of switching from said first code being used to said second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations.

Claims 8-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A base station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controller, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the base station being one of said plurality of base stations, the base station comprising:

a code switch informing unit configured to transmit code information by message to one of the plurality of mobile stations, said said code information for switching from a first code being used to a second code[[],];

a timing information sending unit configured to transmit timing information by message to the one of the plurality of mobile stations and to receive a completion message from the one of the plurality of mobile stations indicating~~to indicate~~ completion of the steps of switching at the one of the plurality of mobile stations, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code; and

a switching unit configured to switch from the first code to the second code at the base station in synchronization with a switching of the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations.

Claims 14-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (New): A radio communication method of a base station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controller, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the base station being one of said plurality of base stations, the radio communication method comprising steps of:

transmitting the code information by message to one of the plurality of mobile stations, said code information for switching from a first code being used to a second code;

transmitting timing information by message to the one of the plurality of mobile stations, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code;

switching from the first code to the second code at the base station at said frame represented by said integer; and

receiving a completion message from the one of the plurality of mobile stations indicating completion of switching at the one of the plurality of mobile stations at said frame represented by said integer.

Claim 20 (New): A base station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controller, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the base station being one of said plurality of base stations, the base station comprising:

a code switch informing unit configured to transmit code information by message to one of the plurality of mobile stations, said code information for switching from a first code being used to a second code;

a timing information sending unit configured to transmit timing information by message to the one of the plurality of mobile stations, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code and to receive a completion message from the one of the plurality of mobile stations indicating completion of switching at the one of the plurality of mobile stations at said frame represented by said integer; and

a switching unit configured to switch from the first code to the second code at the base station at said frame represented by said integer.